

A STAND

There has been a Mr Poe
found in the gutter

A couple with matching umbrellas
has once again taken exception

A strident black bird lives
past his death at 34

The Board likes to stress aggression
it's always a third down situation

A Mr Swift was caught
eating his own waste

Mushroom clouds & metal cocks flourish
as symbols of personal evasion

A Mr Barrymore grew very tired
& left it to self-parody

Devotion & Discipline were stressed
it was a closed family

A Mr Bruce was our verbal American Balzac
censored silenced & safely buried

There is nothing Romantic
about having a little imagination

-- John Levin

Cambridge MA

white
hands
with
handkerchiefs
push
at
the doors
of
city hall

a soul
of discreet-
ness
he suggests
brucine
in the
evening
wine

Hebron
Nebraska
leaving
highway 81
tires hum
bricked
streets

-- M. K. Book

Fairbury NE